



Play Area Improvements—The PC needs to decide how to spend nearly £40,000 of developer funds that **has** to be spent on improving the *physical recreation of younger children*. SNC hold the funds and will only release them for schemes that meet the above criteria. We have to make a decision soon or else the money goes back to the developer and we have to pay a lot of interest!

We hope that we can use the land to the west of the tennis court (*though this still has to be agreed with the landowner*) and this would provide an extra space about the size of a tennis court. The current plan is to



install a **Multi Use Games Area** (see picture) that could be used for five aside football or basketball. This should reduce wear on the grass goal areas of the main pitch, which are expensive to re turf and difficult to water. Also the tennis court netting gets damaged when used as a backstop for goal practice! The MUGA surface would be similar to the tennis court. There is a more expensive option that has a soft surface but has high maintenance requirements and would only be possible if a group of people would commit to weekly maintenance. Please let us know if you think this facility would get used.

Alternative uses for the money could include a zipwire, resurfacing the tennis court (which will have to be done fairly soon), donating some of the money to The Crusaders Rugby Club to improve their facilities for children. Most of our existing play area was refurbished in 2017 so should last for some years. Please let us know what you think— see below for Facebook and last page for contacts.

There are links on www.little-melton.org.uk to matters discussed in this newsletter and further announcements will be made via the Facebook group—which has over 300 members and is well used—please see the website for how to join.

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big welcome to our new families that have started with us this term. The new committee is already planning events for this year, many of which are open to everyone. We are holding a Table Top sale at the Primary School on Saturday 24th November from 10 til 1- we'd love to see you there! Look out for the notices around the village, and on our website for further details when they are available.

Places are still available for this year, do get in touch to arrange a visit. You can email us via our website or call us direct on 01603 812362 during opening hours - 9.15 to 12.15 each weekday morning during term time.

For more information - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Little Melton Mothers' Union

At our November meeting we invite members and friends to a demo of "Sweet Treats for Christmas" so come along on Monday November 5th 1:30 p.m.in the Village Hall and then we end our year with our(not-very-serious) Christmas Party on Monday December 3rd 1:30 p.m.in the Village Hall when we invite all members and friends to join us for fun,games ,lovely eats and natter. More info from Annetta 810007

The Friends of Little Melton Church

As this news-letter goes to press so do the apples for our delicious local Apple Juice sold in aid of Friends' funds and very many thanks to all who have donated apples again this year.

We end our year with the welcome return of the Band of Norwich Citadel of the Salvation Army for the very popular concert of Carols and Readings on Friday 14th December 7:30 p.m.in Little Melton Church. To reserve tickets please contact Annetta on 810007.

Litter Pick—We will be doing a litter pick over the weekend of 27/28th October—please come to the Shop at 09:30 on Saturday, to collect pickers, bags, hi viz or to the regular last Friday in the month Coffee and Cake at the Shop on Friday at 10:30. You can pick the litter any time before Monday. We also need some help to sweep under the play area equipment please. Contact details are on last page if you can't make the above times.

Wilf Chamberlain - The PC was sad to note the passing of Wilf Chamberlain at the end of September. Wilf had lived in the village all of his life and had served on both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. He was always ready to lend a hand, and a smile, with jobs at the play area and around the hall. Wilf and his family have helped run the Village Show for many years and have contributed a great deal to our community.

Village Hall

Helen Symonds (01603 810671) manages bookings for the Village Hall. Updated details of regular events are on www.little-melton.org.uk (see Village Facilities) and there is an email address for bookings there.

- * **Badminton**—Mondays 19:30, contact Stephen 810006, new players welcome
- * **Short Mat Bowls** Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm A small friendly group who meet throughout the year and welcome new members. We have spare bowls, and ramps for those who need assistance. All you need is a pair of very flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the carpets, come and have a try - contact Peter or Val on 810834. There is also Thursday bowls 8-10pm (not in summer) - contact Derek 810292.
- * **Powerhoop** 18.30 pm and 19.30pm on Tuesdays. 45 minutes workout with a weighted hoop (so easy to keep up). 15 minutes hooping and movement and many other muscle, strength and cardio routines with the hoop. Fun for all and suitable for all levels as options are given. Jane Keeley - 07944 234388
- * **Little Poppets - Baby and toddler group** for playtime, tea and a chat. We have soft play and toys for all ages and everyone is welcome, whether parent, grandparent or carer. First time is free, £2/session thereafter. For more information, check our facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/littlemeltonpoppets/> or email us on Littlemeltonpoppets@gmail.com
- * **Zumba**—18:30 to 19:30 on Wednesdays— Jane Keeley - 07944 234388
- * **Meltonians** - usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 14.15pm for a very entertaining talk by a speaker followed by refreshments and a mardle. Ring Trisha Harvey 01603 812984 or 07809288884 to learn more.
- * **Yoga**— Thursdays 18:15 to 19:30, Sarah Lewis on 07962 169185— sarah.r.lewis@hotmail.co.uk
- * **Fitcamp Challenge**—Fridays, 19:00, is 4 weeks of interval and circuit training, in a fun, supportive environment. The classes are designed to improve fitness and health through community motivation, laughter and nutritional education. All abilities welcome! Becca Jermy - 07411 347341 - www.beccajermy.com
- * **Street Dance**— Saturday mornings during term, 4-7yrs, contact Emily Spurgeon on 07766406542 or stardancecompany@icloud.com—www.stardance-company.co.uk

Crusaders Rugby Club now has a Ladies section with up to 20 Ladies, all of whom are new to the game, training on Thursday nights 6.30 - 7.30pm. We now have opportunities for everyone to play whether you are aged 3 or 103. Get involved no matter what your experience.

The annual fireworks and bonfire night is Saturday 3rd November (6pm). £5 per person or just £15 per family.

There are Senior matches each Saturday and Junior games most Sundays so please do come and watch, free-entry and the bar is open !!!

For more info please contact Martin Alcock on 07952524154

Date	Time	Event	Place
Oct 27th	09:30	Litter Pick	Village Shop
Nov 6th		Oil Economy - last order day	Village Shop
Nov 24th	10:00 to 13:00	Pre School Table Top sale and Craft Fair	School
Nov 26th	19:30	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Dec 14th	19:30	Band of Norwich Citadel of the Salvation Army, concert of Carols and Readings, tickets from Annetta 810007	Church

Mobile Library times
Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 26
09:35 Near to 93 School Lane
10:00 Shop
10:20 Braymeadow Lane
10:45 Crossways
11:30 Ringwood Close
15:00 School

Little Melton Book Group Wants New Members

We are a very friendly group and meet in each others' homes about every 6 weeks. We take it in turn to choose a book and one member then orders and collects copies from the Library for distribution. In case anyone thinks our Book Group is women only, it is not and we would welcome more men to join us. It widens the choice of books and the discussions. Since we started in 2000 we have read and discussed a wide selection of books. Recent ones have been "A Gentleman in Moscow", "The Little Red Chairs", "Black Water" and the biography "First Lady". If you would like to try us out, please ring Joan on 01603 812668 for more information and the date of the next meeting. We'd be so pleased to see you.

The **oil economy group** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. See above for next ordering date —order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

DHF Café is a friendly place to meet for those experiencing memory loss, loneliness or needing a listening ear. On the third Tuesday each month from 10:00 to 12:00 at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall. Call Stephen on 07808 329102 for more information

The **Parochial Charity** exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Help given in the past includes chiropodists' fees, children's school bus fares, fuel costs, essential house repairs, medical charges. All enquiries are treated with utmost confidentiality, just call—Jean Chamberlain 812031, John McDonald 810321. The charity owns the **allotments**, please call Trevor Baker on 811636 if you would like one.

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Other PC contacts and information are at
www.little-melton.org.uk